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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF
JERMAINE CARTER
W-53451

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Parole Eligibility

DATE OF HEARING: September 12, 2006

DATE OF DECISION: November 8, 2006

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Daniel Dewey, Doris Dottridge, Candace Kochin, Thomas Merigan, Deborah McDonagh, Maureen Walsh.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Reserve 12/15/06 to a VOITIS[Violent Offender Initiative/Truth in Sentencing funded transitional housing program] placement.

Special Conditions: Waive work for program. Supervise for liquor abstinence; testing required. Polygraph testing. No contact with victim's family. Long term residential program.

On November 4, 1992, Jermaine Carter was found guilty of Second Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm. The victim of this crime was James F. Goode.

On October 4, 1991, Mr. Carter fired six shots at a vehicle in which James F. Goode was a passenger. He died of a gunshot wound to the temple. Mr. Carter did not know the victim but recognized him as a rival gang member. Mr. Carter takes responsibility for the crime and expresses remorse and regret for murdering Mr. Goode.

Mr. Carter has a relatively limited discipline history with no returns to higher custody. Mr. Carter was candid and direct about his criminal behavior throughout the hearing. Mr. Carter acknowledged that he did not begin to seriously rehabilitate until 1998. Mr. Carter claims no drug or alcohol use. Mr. Carter states that he has renounced his gang affiliation and has been very program involved completing many programs including: CRA, Transitional Planning, Anger Management, Emotional and Health Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence where he

serves as a facilitator. Mr. Carter has also participated in vocational education courses for five years studying computer repair. He currently works as a janitor.

While Mr. Carter had supportive family members at his hearing, there has been no visits and limited contact over the years. Mr. Carter requests long-term programming for transition purposes as he does not have any substance abuse issues. The Board recognizes Mr. Carter's significant strides but has concerns regarding his reentry efforts due to his lack of established community support. Therefore, the Parole Board votes to reserve 12/15/06 to VOITIS placement.

Board Member 1: Concur.
Board Member 2: Concur.
Board Member 3: Concur.
Board Member 4: Concur.
Board Member 5: Concur.
Board Member 6: Concur.

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above referenced hearing.

Daniel V. Hanlon
Executive Director

11/9/06
Date